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8. (Amended) The floral arrangement as set forth in claim 5 wherein said fastener is made substantially of PE.

9. (Amended) A method of configuring a floral arrangement as set forth in claim 1 including an item integrated therein comprising the following steps:

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- a) securing said item to a support comprising a plurality of bendable supporting rods held at one end circularly bundled by a common supporting base and
  - b) arranging said floral arrangement about said support.
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11. (Amended) The method as set forth in claim 9 wherein said support is held in a stand in configuring said floral arrangement.

12. (Amended) A support for items in a floral arrangement as set forth in claim 1 including a bundle of bendable rods firmly bundled together circularly at one end at a common supporting base for securing said items in said floral arrangement.

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14. (Amended) The support as set forth in claim 12 wherein said supporting rods are crimped together.

15. (Amended) The support as set forth in claim 12 wherein said supporting rods form a bundle of supporting rods in round or hexagonal cross-section in a hexagonal symmetrical arrangement in cross-section.

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